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REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, enclosed herewith please find an Assignee Power of Attorney to be made of record in connection with the above identified patent application.

In the November 29, 2004 Office communication, the examiner indicated that Applicants' previously filed amendments (filed August 20, 2004) failed to place the application in compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§1.821-1.825. The examiner alleged that the specification and figures do not contain sequence identifiers for each sequence set forth therein, and required appropriate correction. Specifically, the examiner pointed to page 58, line 27 and page 60, lines 1-3 as containing sequences that were not identified with Sequence I.D. numbers.

Applicants respectfully disagree. In Applicants' amendment and reply filed August 20, 2004, the specification was amended at pages 57 and 59-60 so as to set forth sequence identifiers for each sequence. A copy of Applicants' August 20, 2004 amendment and reply is enclosed for the examiner's convenience. The relevant amendments to the specification appear at pages 11 and 12 of that paper. Thus, in accordance with the amendments made in Applicants' August 20 reply, the specification has been amended so as to recite a sequence identifier in conjunction with each sequence set forth in the specification. For sequences shown in the drawings, the sequence identifiers have been added to the brief description of the drawings. Applicants submit that the specification as amended is in full compliance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821-1.825. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the specification is again requested.


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In view of the foregoing remarks and the amendments and remarks made in Applicants' August 20, 2004 reply, the presently pending claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request early and favorable reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and objections set forth in the February 20, 2004 Official Action and the November 29, 2004 Office communication, and allowance of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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